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May 7- 8

Empire Mine State Historic Park Hosts Spring Open House

GRASS VALLEY -- Empire Mine State Historic Park will host a Spring Open House and Fine Arts Show on May 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The park is located at 10791 East Empire Street in Grass Valley.

Artists will showcase a variety of media in the colorful gardens and grounds of California's richest gold mine. Artists Andrew Seeley will create pottery on a kick wheel and Wanda Avery will paint on site with watercolors. Other artists also will demonstrate their work.

Booths will include oil painting, pastels, etching and printmaking, watercolors, and photography. In addition, three-dimensional arts will include woodworking, blown glass, and sculpture in many media, as well as jewelry, ceramics and furniture. There will be a mineral display and sale at the Art Show and Visitor Center gift shop. Proceeds from the event will benefit the interpretive and educational programs at the park in cooperation with the Empire Mine Park Association.

Empire Mine State Historic Park volunteers dressed in period costume will recreate characters from the Empire Mine's colorful past at the Cottage, Clubhouse, and Mine yard.

The park entrance fee is \$3 for adults over 17 years of age and \$1 for children from six to 16. Children under six are free. Park hours are 9 am to 6 pm. For more information visit our web site at www.empiremine.org or call (530) 273-8522.

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